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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Pacific Racing Association**

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 5, Through Sunday, April 9, 2023.**WEDNESDAY**4/5/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Grant Baker** was in the office today to oversee entries and the draw for Saturday April 8, 2023.

THURSDAY4/6/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Grant Baker** was present once again for entries and the draw for Sunday April 9, 2023.

4/6/23²**MONTY R. MEIER (23GG0025)**

The Stewards conducted a formal hearing this morning to address the complaint filed against Trainer **Monty R. Meier** alleging violation of CHRB Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations).

Present, in addition to Stewards **Richard Lewis**, **Grant Baker** and **Dennis Nevin**, were **Mr. Meier**, Golden Gate Fields Electrician **Kan Brou** and CHRB Investigator **Noe Longoria**, who presented the case for the CHRB. CSR **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings.

According to the complaint, "Golden Gate Fields Electrician **Kan Brou** was preparing to repair a streetlight on the backside when Owner **Gail Calva (217374 – 01/2025)** appeared and told him that his Golden Gate Fields truck presented a danger to horses and riders. When **Kan Brou** ignored her, **Gail Calva** summoned Trainer **Monty Meier**. After **Monty Meier** arrived, the

situation deteriorated with **Monty Meier** using profane language and gestures, then allegedly punching **Kan Brou's** arm as he held a cellular phone to video record the interaction. His behavior was captured on video."

The Stewards accepted documents and testimony into the record and will render their decision at a later date.

4/6/23³

GAIL CALVA (23GG0026)

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Present in addition to Stewards **Lewis, Baker and Nevin** were **Ms. Calva**, Golden Gate Fields Electrician **Kan Brou** and CHRB Investigator **Noe Longoria**, who presented the case for the CHRB. CSR **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings.

According to the complaint "Golden Gate Fields Electrician **Kan Brou** was preparing to repair a streetlight on the backside when Owner **Gail Calva** appeared and told him this his Golden Gate Fields truck presented a danger to horses and riders. When **Kan Brou** ignored her, **Gail Calva** summoned Trainer **Monty Meier (115057 – 04-2023)**. After **Monty Meier** arrived, the situation deteriorated with the interactions. As both **Gail Calva and Monty Meier** walked away, **Gail Calva** told **Kan Brou** "You're dead." She then followed up with "I'll kick your ass." Her threats were captured on video."

The Stewards accepted documents and testimony into the record and will render their decision at a later date.

FRIDAY
4/7/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #3 **She's So Fancy** (Tr. **Manuel Badilla**) Injured – **DVM Batten**
Refunds: \$172.15

3RD Race: #4 **Getaway Charm** (Tr. **Jorge Bautista**) Sick–**DVM Batten** Refund: \$112.85

4TH Race: #5 **Tizno's Dilemma** (Tr. **Andreas Psarras**) Unsound – **DVM Batten**
Refunds: \$80.85

6TH Race: #2 **Macho Chrome** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Sick – **DVM Parker** Refund: \$293.00

7TH Race: #4 **Strength of Autism** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – **DVM Batten**
Refunds: \$64.15

4/7/23²

RULING #41 – ROMAN RUDY (23GG0036)

Owner **ROMAN RUDY** having reached terms of a Financial Agreement to satisfy a debt (\$13,791.19) with San Francisco Equine, Inc. is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association Ruling #39 dated March 31, 2023, is set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued as the Stewards received a financial complaint agreement signed by **Mr. Rudy** and **Ken Allison**, **DVM** representing San Francisco Equine, the complaint. **Mr. Rudy** was advised that failure to comply with the payment agreement may result in the suspension of his CHRB license.

4/7/23³

OWNER DAVID BISHOP (23GG0043)

The financial complaint filed against **Mr. Bishop** by San Francisco Equine (**Ken Allison, DVM**) Alleging an overdue debt (\$2,605.00) for services rendered has been resolved. The Board of Stewards received documentation from San Francisco Equine (**JoAnn McMahon**) indicating the debt has been paid in full.

4/7/23⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

There were no noteworthy incidents during this afternoon's racing program.

4/7/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	370	\$176,873.10
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,191,051.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$194,083.92
Total	1,184	\$1,998,040.92

SATURDAY

4/8/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race: #1 **Continental Divide** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **DVM Parker**

Refunds: \$259.65

6TH Race: #6 **She's Fancy Like** (Tr. **Faith Taylor**) Sick – **DVM Batten**

Refunds: \$289.47

7TH Race: #4 **Harbor Kitty** (Tr. **Gary Greiner**) Sick – **DVM Parker** See Below

7TH Race: #6 **Dick Best** (Tr. **Simon Hobson**)

Broke through gate while loading – **DVM Batten** Refund: \$107,091.71

4/8/23²

CLAIM VOIDED 1ST RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Jamey Thomas** for **Ottawa Fire (IRE)** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin DVM**, that the six year old gelding was unsound in the left foreleg and placed on the Veterinarians List. **Ottawa Fire (IRE)** was returned to **Mr. Wong's** barn.

4/8/23³

INQUIRY – 5TH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fifth race for a review of an incident in the first turn of this one mile event.

The video shows #1 **Fast Service (Armando Ayuso)** failed to negotiate the turn and packed out #6 **Bronze One (Santos Rivera)**.

The Stewards unanimously determined the incident was not responsible for #6 **Bronze One** finishing a well beaten last.

#1 **Fast Service** (fourth) was placed on the Stewards List for bolting.

4/8/23⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – 7TH RACE

The claim submitted by trainer **Genaro Vallejo** for #1 **Synnin and Winnin** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by the Official Veterinarian that the four year old gelding was unsound in the right foreleg and placed on the Veterinarians List. **Synnin and Winnin** was returned to **Mr. Tamayo's** barn.

4/8/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	636	\$329,159.08
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,571,548.46
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$320,078.21
Total	2,012	\$3,044,375.05

4/9/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #6 **Tam's Time** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Unsound – **DVM Hassan**

Refunds: \$292.87

5TH Race: #1 **Extreme Blaze** (Tr. **Monty Meier**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** See Below

5TH Race: #5 **Dulce Cobre** (Tr. **Marcelino Trujillo**) Unsound – **DVM Hassan**

Refunds: \$388.85

7TH Race: #4 **Continental Union** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Injured – **DVM Batten**

See Below

7TH Race #5 **Heredia Boxer** (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) Veterinarian Panel Refund: \$879.95

8TH Race #4 **Light Up** (Tr. **Felix Rondan**) Sick – **DVM Batten** Refunds: \$220.35

4/9/23²

GAIL CALVA (23GG0026)

Owner **Gail Calva**, who appeared before the Stewards in a formal hearing on April 6, 2023, was issued a warning by majority decision (**Baker** opted for a fine).

Ms. Calva was involved in an incident in the barn area on the morning of February 3, 2023. The Golden Gate Fields Security Report indicated that **Ms. Calva** approached Golden Gate Fields Electrician **Kan Brou**, who had parked his truck in the shed row near barn 101, “Hey you can’t be here there are horses here”. **Ms. Calva** continued, “Hey you know horses are coming off the track you shouldn’t be here, it’s a very bad time, horses can get scared someone can get hurt”. **Mr. Brou’s** response was “I have a job to do”.

Ms. Calva then went to get help from Trainer **Monty Meier** who was in barn 101. The interaction escalated from there and led to a complaint filed against **Mr. Meier** as well.

Mr. Brou consulted with Assistant General Manager **William Rizzuto** and Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** and was advised to do his work after training hours.

4/9/23³

RULING #42 – MONTY MEIER (2300GG25)

GGF RULING #42

Trainer **MONTY MEIER** is fined the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)* for creating a disturbance in the Stable Area on February 3, 2023; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented at the formal hearing held on April 6, 2023.

This is a companion complaint to the incident that took place in the Golden Gate Fields barn area on February 3, 2023, involving owner **Gail Calva** and Golden Gate Fields Electrician **Kan Brou**.

Mr. Meier did not deny that he confronted **Mr. Brou** and reiterated what he told Golden Gate Security Lieutenant **C. Lopez** on the day of the incident, that is “He (**Meier**) went to talk to the Electrician and advised him that it was not a good idea to make repairs during training hours”.

Mr. Meier acknowledged he became frustrated as **Mr. Brou** continued to say he had a job to do and then began to record with his cell phone right on **Meier’s** face and that is when he used profane language and gestures in addition to attempting to knock the phone out of **Mr. Brou’s** hand. Lieutenant **Lopez** noted in his report that **Mr. Brou** stated **Mr. Meier**, “swung at him, but no contact was made”.

The decision was by majority with **Mr. Baker** opining that a stiffer penalty was warranted.

4/9/23⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – 3RD RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer **Terry Johnson** for #3 **Reluctant** (Tr. **Aggie Ordonez**) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin DVM**, that the four year old filly was unsound in the right foreleg and placed on the Veterinarians List. **Reluctant** was returned to the **Aggie Ordonez** barn.

4/9/23⁵**CLAIM VOIDED – 5TH RACE**

Trainer **Genaro Vallejo's** claim for #7 **Stanford Miss** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) in the fifth race was voided by the Stewards as they were informed by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin DVM** that the four year old filly was unsound in the left foreleg and placed on the Veterinarians List. **Stanford Miss** was returned to **Mr. Steiners** barn.

4/9/23⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1005	\$248,107.90
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,475,850.03
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$267,303.82
Total	1,828	\$2,374,518.09

SUMMARY

	Wed 4/5	Thurs 4/6	Fri 4/7	Sat 4/8	Sun 4/9	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	2	2	6	10	120
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
Refunds	0	0	5	4	6	15	160
Rulings	0	0	1	0	0	1	39
Voided Claims	0	0	0	2	2	4	24

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
7-Apr.	2	3	She's So Fancy	M. Badilla	Injured	Batten	\$172.15
7-Apr.	3	4	Getaway Charm	J. Bautista	Sick	Batten	\$112.85
7-Apr.	4	5	Tizno's Dilemma	A.Psarras	Unsound	Batten	\$80.85
7-Apr.	6	2	Macho Chrome	E. Moger Jr.	Sick	Parker	\$293.00
7-Apr.	7	4	Strength of Autism	I. Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$64.15
8-Apr.	1	1	Continental Divide	J. Wong	Sick	Parker	\$259.65
8-Apr.	6	6	She's Fancy Like	F. Taylor	Sick	Batten	\$289.47
8-Apr.	7	4	Harbor Kitty	G. Greiner	Sick	Batten	\$107,091.71
9-Apr.	2	6	Tam's Time	D. Franko	Unsound	Hassan	\$292.87
9-Apr.	5	1	Extreme Blaze	M. Meier	Sick	Hassan	See Below
9-Apr.	5	5	Dulce Cobre	M. Trujillo	Unsound	Hassan	\$388.85
9-Apr.	7	5	Heredia Boxer	B. Wright	Panel	Stewards	\$879.95
9-Apr.	8	4	Light Up	Rondan	Sick	Batten	\$220.35

Respectfully submitted,

 Dennis Nevin, Steward

 Richard Lewis, Steward

 Grant Baker, Steward

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